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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of: )  
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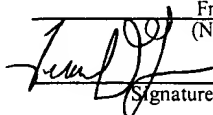
Sir:

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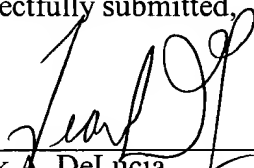
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It is respectfully requested that the above information be considered by the Examiner and that a copy of the enclosed Form PTO-1449 be returned indicating that such information has been considered.

Applicant's undersigned attorney may be reached in our New York office by telephone at (212) 218-2100. All correspondence should continue to be directed to our address given below.

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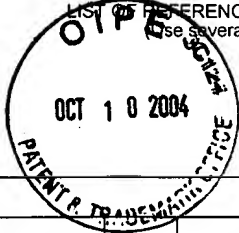
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## FOREIGN PATENT DOCUMENTS

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<b>JP</b>	<b>04-010569 A</b>	<b>01/14/92</b>	<b>Japan</b>			<b>Abstract</b>

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